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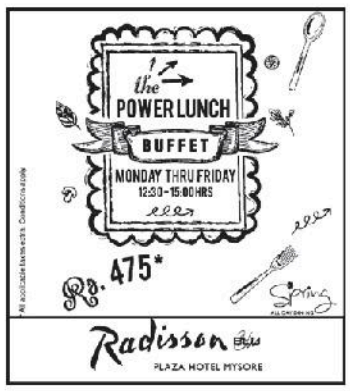

Private School Managements oppose cut in tuition fee

Over 2,000 from Mysuru join massive protest rally in Bengaluru

One of the CISPMAM teams that left Mysuru in a bus early today. Picture right shows the protestors taking out a massive rally in Bengaluru.

Bengaluru, Feb. 23 (RK&DM)- Strongly opposing the Government order asking private schools to charge only 70 percent of the tuition fee this academic year, the teaching and non-teaching staff of all schools, including those affiliated to the State Board, Central Boards and International Schools, took out a massive rally at Bengaluru today.

The rally was taken out from Bengaluru City Railway Station (KSR Bengaluru) to Freedom Park, where a demonstration was staged, urging the Government to withdraw the order on 30 percent fee cut.

The protesters also sought fulfilment of their various other demands, which chiefly included a financial package for schools to make up for the huge losses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Sudhakar S. Shetty, Founder-President of CISPMAM (CBSE, ICSE and State Board Private School Managements Association), covering the districts of Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu, said that over 2,000 teachers and other non-teaching staff of schools from Mysuru city and district left for Bengaluru early this morning in about 50 buses and other vehicles to take part in the rally.

Maintaining that over 20,000 school teachers and other staff from across the State are taking part in the Bengaluru rally, Shetty said that the Government did not provide any financial assistance or compensation for teaching and non-teaching staff of private schools during the COVID-19 pandemic, even though all School Associations had put forth repeated requests for the same.

Contending that the Department of Primary and Secondary Education was making it difficult for existing old private schools as it was demanding that they fulfil the norms required for new schools, such as installation of a Fire Extinguishing System and getting No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Public Works Department (PWD), Shetty wanted the Government to allow schools to collect full tuition fee, introduce auto recognition for schools in respect of Right To Education (RTE) seats, priority for teachers and other school staff in the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination drive and facilities for all school staff just like being given to the frontline Corona Warriors.

Shetty further said that almost all private schools in the State have declared a holiday for students today and the holiday applied to both online and offline classes.

Six killed as gelatin sticks explode in Chikkaballapur; CM orders probe

Chikkaballapur, Feb. 23- At least six people were killed, while a few sustained injuries after bunch of gelatin sticks exploded at a quarry site near Hirenagavalli village in Chikkaballapur district in the intervening hours between Monday and Tuesday.

The incident comes close on the heels of a similar blast at a quarry site in CM Yediyurappa's hometown of Shivamogga on Jan. 21, which left eight dead.

According to initial inputs, the explosion occurred when the gelatin sticks used for quarrying were being transported fearing Police raid. Some of the victims had kept the gelatin sticks illegally and were trying to dispose of the explosive sticks when they exploded. Two have been held in connection with the incident and a case has been registered at Gudibande Police Station.

District Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar visited the spot and promised action against those responsible for the incident.

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai also visited the spot. Mining and Geology Minister Murugesh Nirani said: "We will take measures to ensure only licence holders carry out blasts and illegal activities are checked."

Following the incident, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has ordered a high-level probe.

In a tweet, the Chief Minister said that stringent action would be initiated against the guilty after the completion of inquiry.

He said that District Minister and senior officials have been instructed to conduct a thorough probe and take stern action against the culprits.

PM reacts

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who took to Twitter, said: "Pained by the loss of lives due to a mishap at Chikkaballapur in Karnataka. Condolences to the bereaved families. Praying that the injured recover quickly."

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Increase supply of products to Central Govt. Departments: National SC-ST Hub

Mysuru, Feb.23 (PM&SSV)- A. Kokila, Branch Manager, National SC-ST Hub to support Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Entrepreneurs, has noted that only 0.8 percent of goods are supplied to Central Government Departments from the SC-ST run industries as against the fixed 4 percent.

She was speaking after inaugurating Office of Materials, Equipment, Distribution and Marketing Co-operative Association of Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu Districts SC-ST Industrialists Association at Hebbal Industrial Area in city recently.

Kokila said over 150 Departments come under the Union Government and provision has been made to buy a minimum of 4 percent of products from the SC-ST run industrialists but the supply was just 0.8 percent. The Government has permitted purchase of 20 percent of goods from industries run by general category and three percent from women run industries. The SC-ST community would benefit more if the State Government adopts similar step, she added.

She said the SC-ST entrepreneurs must not only make use of subsidy and loan facility of the State and the Union Governments but also of the Co-operative system for marketing of their products. Provision has been made for Micro and Small Scale Industries to market their products through Co-operative system.

G.R. Akadas, Director, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), said the Union Government, under Atmanirbhar Bharat Scheme has cut import of goods and given priority to small scale industries. Through this, the Government wants to aid domestic industries.

MLA L. Nagendra inaugurated the Association's Production Unit while former MLC Siddaraju opened Marketing Unit and Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman M. Shivanna inaugurated its Office.

D.K. Lingaraju, Joint Director, Department of Industries and Commerce, Vijay Shankar, President, Manjunath, Vice-President and D. Eshwar, Director of Co-operative Society were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

There are two positives from the COVID-19 pandemic. One, there is growing realisation of the need to invest in primary health and second, there is recognition of the invaluable role of Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers at the grassroots. Their performance in the face of all odds should force the Government to think about how to strengthen this cadre and make it more effective in delivering grassroots health care. One initiative should be to induct more male health workers into the system. This is the time to make community health work more attractive for all genders. They need to be given post-retirement benefits and other incentives if India is to build on this crucial cadre. The pandemic may recede, but a host of health care issues have to be dealt with. Instead of piecemeal payments linked to tasks, there must be a drastic overhaul in their pay structure. If the right inputs are made into the ASHA system now, it can have the potential to change and improve health care at the grassroots level and also eventually correct gender inequalities in the communities they function in. Much will depend on the respect, recognition and rewards that both the Central and State Governments afford them for their role in holding together a rickety grassroots health care system in a most challenging time. —*Lalita Panicker in Hindustan Times*

NEWS SPARKLERS

He fakes murder to get road cleared of snow

Grybova Rudnya: After having the road to his home blocked by heavy snowfalls, a Ukrainian man decided to call Police and confess to a fake murder, hoping that they would clear the road in order to reach him.

On Saturday, Feb. 13, an unnamed man from the village of Grybova Rudnya, in Ukraine's Chernihiv region, phoned the national emergency number and confessed stabbing the elderly man repeatedly in the chest with a knife. He added that he was willing to turn himself in, if police could reach his home.

When the Cops reached the spot, the caller's stepfather was indeed there, but he was in one piece, with no knife wounds to complain about. Upon questioning, the so-called killer confessed to reporting a fake crime.

Campaign against train roof riders

Jakarta: Indonesian commuters riding on the roofs of trains will be sprayed with colored liquid so that security officers can identify and arrest them.

Railway company PT Kereta Api will spray roof top commuters with colored liquid so that officers can identify them when they get off the train, reports said. "We will confiscate their IDs and give them a ticket. We will send a copy of the ticket to their family, their local neighborhood unit head, their employer, or, if they're students, their headmasters," Kereta Api regional spokesman said.

After having tried several methods to discourage them from doing so and failed, authorities are now resorting to the extreme measure. Electric trains that link Indonesian capital to the towns nearby are full of passengers during rush hours, with many sitting on the roofs due to a lack of space inside or to avoid paying.

HEALTH CAPSULE

To date, many studies have proven the effectiveness of manual therapy (including either mobilization or manipulation techniques) along or/and in combination with other physical therapy exercises (including either stretching or strengthening protocols) in reducing pain and improving the functional status and physical performance of patients with knee OA.

By Dr. Ravikiran H. G. - Consultant Orthopedics and Joint Replacement Surgeon

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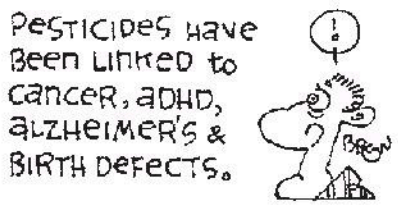
** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*



A recent consumer reports survey revealed that 85% of Americans are concerned about pesticides in produce. The centres for disease control reports that there are traces for 29 different pesticides in the average American's body.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	FEB. 21	FEB. 22
Day's Positive Cases	24	29
Total Positive Cases	53,912	53,941
Day's Discharges	10	34
Total Discharges	52,719	52,753
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	1,029	1,029
Total Active Cases	164	159

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Tourism Department asks hotels, lodges to register in NIDHI

Mysuru, Feb. 23-The Deputy Director of Tourism Department has urged all accommodation units (hotels and lodges) in the State to register themselves in the websites *nidhi.nic.in* (National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry) and *www.saati.qcin.org* (SAATHI portal for self-certification of hotel units).

NIDHI is a comprehensive register of the hospitality industry in the country launched by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and all the database will be integrated in this portal. Tourism Department Deputy Director has stated that such an integrated database is essential for the future development of tourism in the post-COVID period.

For details, hoteliers may call Mob: 94480-04466, according to a press release.

REALLY...?

- ***The two most sacred rivers as per beliefs of Hindus, Ganga and Yamuna, originate from Uttarakhand State. While Ganga originates from Gangotri, Yamuna originates from Yamunotri.***
- ***Uttarakhand is the only State in India which has Sanskrit as its official language. The main regional languages of this State are Garhwali and Kumaoni while Hindi is most widely spoken language.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A boy went to see a girl for him to marry.

Boy: *How far did you study?*

Girl - *BA.*

Boy: *Shame on you. Only two alphabets you studied, and that too upside down. I know ABCD fully !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.39
1 UK Pound	= Rs.101.84
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.71
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.08

VOICE OF THE READER

New DC's Office Lift not in use yet !

Sir,

This refers to the news item ***"Literally Lifted: Multi-storied Srirangapatna Taluk Office lacks lifts, ramps for infirm and disabled"*** *(SOM* dated Feb. 22).

I would like to say that it's the same here in Mysuru New DC's Office at Siddarthanagar. There are lifts but it is not used. The building is not fully in use and I did not see any desks with phones.

I am 69-years-old and had to walk up the stairs to the second floor and still did not get my job done. I had applied for a ration card over two months ago at *KarnatakaOne Centre*. I was told I will get the ration card by mail. So I first went to the MCC Office to check where the Food and Civil Supplies Department is located and I was directed to the DC's Office in city. And there I was directed to the new DC's Office in Siddarthanagar.

This Office is sparsely occupied and I adventurously roamed the ground floor and then the first floor where I was told the Food Department is on the second floor and lo! there wasn't a soul who knew anything to be helpful. So after approximately three hours, I returned home disappointed and work not done.

—George Rego
Mysuru 22.2.2021

Marshals to ensure COVID-19 guidelines at Wedding Halls: Minister Dr. Sudhakar

Dr. Sudhakar

Bengaluru, Feb. 23 (SSV)- Marshals will be deployed in Marriage Halls to ensure strict implementation of COVID-19 guidelines, said Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

Speaking to media after holding a video-conferencing with the Deputy Commissioners' of all districts in the wake of reports of second wave here yesterday, he bemoaned that people attending large gatherings were not following the safety protocol. Hence, it was necessary to deploy a marshal in each choultry to make sure COVID guidelines were followed strictly.

Not more than 500 people would be allowed to gather at one place and face mask was compulsory for all. Catering service providers would have to get RT-PCR test done once in 15 days, he added.

Violations galore

He said meetings and gatherings are happening in violation of COVID-19 guidelines. The Government would be forced to take strong measures to check the spiking of fresh cases. "We don't want a situation like Maharashtra where lockdown has been re-imposed in certain districts in view of sudden spurt in Corona positive cases," he said.

Replying to a question, he said more than 4.24 lakh Health Department workers and 1.20 lakh frontline warriors have been administered with the first dose of vaccine. Steps had been taken for removal of duplicate entries and names of illegible beneficiaries from CoWIN portal. The Government has set a target of 80 percent and 90 percent vaccination for health staff and frontline warriors respectively by the end of this month. CM B.S. Yediyurappa was personally monitoring the progress of vaccination and would be conducting a video-conference with officials this weekend, he noted.

RTE reimbursement rules simplified to help schools

Suresh Kumar

Bengaluru, Feb.23 (SSV)- In view of low attendance and enrolment in schools due to COVID-19 pandemic, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar has asked officials concerned to give exemption regarding reimbursement of RTE fees to the schools concerned.

In a letter to Principal Secretary (Primary and Secondary Education), he said the State Government has already taken decision to leave it to the discretion of parents to send their wards to the schools and also to the students from compulsory attending of offline classes owing to the prevailing situation. The Department concerned must not take into account the number of students appearing for the SSLC examination and reimbursement of RTE fees to the educational institutions. This was done to help students of Private Unaided Schools, he said.

Rangavalli to stage play

'Parshwa Sangeetha' on Feb. 24, 25

Mysuru, Feb. 23- Rangavalli theatre troupe will be staging the play 'Parshwa Sangeetha' at Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre) in Kalamandira premises on Feb. 24 and 25 at 7 pm.

'Parshwa Sangeetha,' an adaptation of the essays written by Srinivasa Vaidya, is directed by Prashanth Hiremath, a senior artiste of Rangayana, Mysuru.

About the play: The play shares the bonding of the timeless melodies of 1940 to 1970 with the audience. In a family that is very orthodox, Shama is an exception whose heart and soul is the songs for which he is treated as a rebel in the family. Parshwa Sangeetha is a narration of the times of Shama, by the old aged narrator who happens to be Shama's nephew.

Shama loves music and hates studies. His strict father is always irritated by son's attitude. Amidst all this, Shama gets married and the story narrates the various flavours of Shama and his wife's newly-wed life. The play is interwoven with light moments and interspersed with wonderful melodies by Rafi, Mukesh, Kishore, Lata, Manna Dey and other great singers that transport the audience to a new world. More than 25 artistes have performed in this play. Stage adaptation is by B.P. Arun, Music by Vishwas Krishna, design by H.K. Dwarkanath, light design by Krishnakumar Narnakaje, costumes by K.R. Nandini, choreography by Karthik Upamanyu, stage management by B. Seemanthini, Assistance in direction by Maheshkumar. For tickets, contact Mob: 99646-56482 or 94488-71815.

K-SET & UGC NET Coaching at KSOU

Mysuru, Feb. 23- Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Competitive Examination Coaching Centre is organising a coaching camp for candidates appearing for K-SET and UGC-NET exams. The coaching camp will be inaugurated by Tumkur University Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. Y.S. Siddegowda at Cauvery Auditorium on Feb. 24 at 11 am. Deputy Director of Karnataka Police Academy and Anti Corruption Bureau SP Dr. Suman D. Pennekar will be the chief guest. KSOU VC Dr. S. Vidyashankar will preside. KSOU Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi will be present.

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Tender No: BARC/MYS/AM/RM/We-T-65/2020-21/RT

Sl. No.	Description	Details
1	**Name of the Work**	Assisting in Operation of High Vacuum Heat Treatment Furnaces at BARC site, Mysuru
2	**Estimated Cost**	**Rs.18,40,000/-**(Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Forty Thousand only)
3	**Earnest Money Deposit**	**Nil** (Bid-Security Declaration as per the format attached
4	**Cost of Tender Document**	**NIL**
5	**Tender Processing Fee**	**Rs. 1086/-** e-payment through electronic mode (Non- returnable) in favour of 'M/s ITI Limited, New Delhi'
6	**Period of Completion**	**12 (Twelve)** calendar months including monsoon period.
7	**Request for purchase /Download of Tender Document (excel / word formats)**	From **24/02/2021 (11:00 Hrs.)** to **05/03/2021 (15:00 Hrs.)** on website **www.tenderwizard.com/DAE.**
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NEWS BRIEFS

Quarterly progress review meeting

Lead Bank, Mysuru, has convened the quarterly progress review meeting of all Mysuru District Banks tomorrow (Feb. 24) at 1 pm at main auditorium of Zilla Panchayat (ZP), Mysuru. MPs Pratap Simha, V. Sreenivasa Prasad and Sumalatha Ambarish will take part, according to a press release from the Asst. General Manager, Lead Bank, Mysuru.

Prohibitory orders

In view of entrance examination being held for admission to sixth standard in various residential schools, conducted by Karnataka Examinations Authority, on Feb. 24, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri has declared 200 meters area around the examination centres as 'prohibited' area. Accordingly, all photocopy shops situated near all the examination centres must remain closed on the above date till the exam ends.

Animals, birds adopted at Zoo

Following individuals/ institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: Shonet Saldanha, Bengaluru - Red-Billed Toucan (Rs. 7,500), Lalitha Uppuluri, Hyderabad - Four Horned Antelope (Rs. 5,000), Sukeerthi R. Guntur, Andra Pradesh - Spotted Whistling Duck (Rs. 2,000), S. Samartha - Bengaluru - Love Bird (Rs. 1,000), Arjun Deshpande, Bengaluru - Indian Cobra (Rs. 2,000) and Sanam Lakhani & Dennis Baars, NRI - Tiger (Rs. 1,00,000).

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Yesterday	:	110.82 feet
Inflow	:	1,185 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,610 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,270.50 feet
Inflow	:	114 cusecs
Outflow	:	560 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,823.29 feet
Inflow	:	132 cusecs
Outflow	:	30 cusecs

Don't allow minors to drive vehicles: City Police tell parents

MGP organises virtual meet on road safety and ways to curb traffic violations and accidents

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (BCT)- In the wake of increasing road accidents caused by minors driving vehicles, the Police have asked parents to discourage underage driving and not to hand over the vehicle keys to them unless they have valid driving licences.

Police said they will take strict action against parents whose children were caught driving and vehicles impounded with hefty fines. Under the amended Motor Vehicles Act, the offence invites a penalty of Rs. 25,000. Not only is the offender tried in a juvenile court, even the parents/ guardians face up to three-year imprisonment. Vehicle registration is also cancelled.

At the monthly virtual meeting and interaction conducted by Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) on road safety and ways to curb traffic violations and accidents, Krishnaraja (KR) Traffic Inspector Vinay appealed to public not to risk their children's lives and the lives of others.

Citing the incident where three of a family were killed as a car driven by a minor boy rammed into their two-wheeler near Dandi Maramma Temple on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Road recently and other accidents by minors, the Police officer said, handing over vehicles to minors would result in arrest of parents as no legal action could be taken against minors and no relief will come from insurance companies.

Parents do not care

He said that despite repeated attempts and special drives, many parents do not take the issue seriously and still allow their children to drive without a driving licence. He said the parents of erring children will be called to the Police Station after they are caught as the Police cannot take the minor to a Police Station and the vehicle will be impounded and will be penalised.

"We have given enough warnings but now any child caught driving even inside the residential areas will be caught. Parents are allowing them to drive for their own convenience to go to tuition or visiting their friend's place but now this practice will need to be stopped," he said.

152 accidents during lockdown

He further said that traffic violations could be controlled only through public cooperation. "Even during the lockdown period, over 152 accidents have occurred within the KR Traffic limits leading to 50 deaths (14 cases without wearing helmets).

He also advised public to update their documents which include driving licence, fitness certificate and insurance.

At the meeting, a participant pointed out that the Police can verify the status of documents of vehicles from the Vaahan app instead of stopping the vehicle on busy roads to check documents. The Inspector replied that Vaahan app and e-Parivar apps of insurance companies do not contain complete details of vehicles including earlier violation cases for which the fine amount is still unpaid. "Rs. 32 lakh is pending from fines," he added.

Other suggestions

Another member observed that many parents take their children to schools without wearing helmets and carry more than two persons on a two-wheeler. This violation is emulated by the children too. Participants urged the Cops to paint road dividers and ensure proper lighting to avoid accidents.

One more member raised the problems of potholes and unscientific road humps. Another member wanted a survey to be conducted on parking of vehicles on main roads of the city and felt that vehicles should not be allowed to park on main roads like Devaraja Urs Road, Sayyaji Rao Road etc., for more than one hour.

MGP President Dr. Shivamurthy, Secretary Pradeep, Roy Joseph, Srikantaiah Belavadi, G. Sreenivasamurthy, retired scientist Jagannath, Dr. M. Kishore. K.V. Ramanath, Arunkumar Shettar, R. Ashwathnarayan, S.V. Raghavendra, Vijaya Srinivasan and others attended.

Lorries to keep off roads on Feb. 26

Bengaluru, Feb. 23 (KMS& DM)- Expressing support to the nationwide strike called by Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) seeking to amend some of the provisions in the GST (Goods and Services Tax), lorries across the country will stay off the roads on Feb. 26.

Announcing this here on Sunday, All India Transport Welfare Association (AITWA) National President Mahendra Arya said that truckers across the country have expressed support to the Feb. 26 stir.

He maintained that Transport organisations of all States have expressed support to the stir, which has been called in protest against rising fuel prices and the new laws concerning e-Way Bill.

Stating that there will be no booking of goods on Feb. 26, Arya said that there will be no truck operations from 6 am to 8 pm on Feb. 26. He urged the Government to link FASTag with e-invoice, reduce fuel prices, repeal new laws concerning e-Way Bill and introduce a uniform diesel price across the country.

TEASER By N. Prakash

Petrol prices hit an all time high
Look, it's burning a HOLE in my POCKET!!
Eyeing the WHOLE POCKET rather!!
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Home-alone woman found brutally murdered in Madikeri

Miscreants hack her to death before decamping with cash, jewels

Madikeri, Feb. 23 (Akshay, PS&KS)- A home-alone woman has been found brutally murdered last night and her body was found hacked in the bathroom of her house at Kalakeri Nidugane village near Madikeri.

The deceased is Lalitha, wife of late Byladi Honnappa. She is survived by her son Gopalakrishna, who is presently working at a private firm in Mysuru and daughters Meena (residing in Bengaluru) and Chandravathi (resident of Kallugundi in Kodagu-Sullia border).

According to one of her daughters, she spoke to her mother (Lalitha) yesterday morning and as per daily routine, she called her mother's mobile phone at about 7 pm but the call was unanswered. She said that she made about 50 calls till 8.30 pm and as the calls were not received and fearing something wrong, she called her brother and sister and informed them.

She further said that she then called one of her relatives who is staying near to her mother's place and informed her and added that the relative along with her son reached her mother's place and found the dog tied

Deceased Lalitha

and barking continuously. They then pushed the front door and it opened and went to the back door and pushed it and it too opened. Suspecting something terrible had taken place, the relative called her and asked her to come immediately.

But by the time they arrived, a few relatives, who were informed about the matter by Gopalakrishna earlier, rushed to the house of Lalitha and on searching, they found the body of Lalitha hacked to death in the bathroom. On entering the house, they found the almirah, cupboard and wardrobe opened and cash and jewels missing. Strangely, the miscreants have not touched the gun kept in the cupboard.

Kodagu Superintendent of Police (SP) Kshama Mishra and Madikeri Rural Circle Inspector Ravikiran, who visited the house, summoned fingerprint experts and the dog squad and pressed them into service.

Relatives said that a few houses are being constructed nearby for which workers from other States have been employed for construction purpose. The relatives have suspected the hands of these construction workers behind the murder. They said that gold jewels and Rs. 50,000 cash has been stolen.

Meanwhile, SP Kshama Mishra said that the murder took place last night and a few items have been stolen from the house. She further said that Police officials visited the house last night and they have been instructed to conduct a thorough investigation and apprehend the killers soon.

Decks cleared for Mysuru Mayoral polls tomorrow as HC refuses stay

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (RK&RKB)- The decks for the city Mayoral polls is said to have been cleared, with the Karnataka High Court (HC) learnt to have refused to grant a stay order on the Mayoral polls scheduled for tomorrow.

Challenging the Government's reservation for Mysuru Mayoral polls, Samiullah, an independent Corporator, had moved Karnataka HC seeking scrapping of the reservation matrix and issuing a direction to the Govt. for issuing a fresh reservation matrix. The HC which heard Samiullah's petition on Monday, had issued notices to the Government and the MCC in this regard, while adjourning the hearing in the case for Tuesday.

The HC, which resumed hearing in the case today, refused to issue a stay on the Mayoral polls and also dismissed Samiullah's petition, it is learnt.

However, MCC Council-Secretary Rangaswamy told *SOM* that MCC is yet to the get a copy of the HC verdict and the MCC will make the next move on Mayoral polls only upon getting it from its Counsel in the HC.

Meanwhile, Congress, BJP and JD(S) are making their own moves on election of next Mayor, with all parties keeping their cards close to their chest. However, in a setback to Congress, which is hoping that Congress-JD(S) alliance will continue, the party lost a crucial vote as the vote of its MLC R. Dharmasena has been transferred to T. Narasipur Municipal Council.

DOCUMENT LOST

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Minister instructs Cops to keep vigil on vehicular movement in borders

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (RK&KS)- Following instructions from District Minister S.T. Somashekar yesterday to keep vigil on vehicles entering Mysuru in borders, especially Kerala, where COVID-19 cases are on the rise, Police teams led by Deputy Superintendent of Police (Dy. SP) are keeping a strict watch on vehicles entering the district.

This morning, people were being thermal-screened for body temperature, pulse being checked using Oximeters and vehicles transporting vegetables, food grains and other commodities were being examined.

In a meeting held yesterday at the Government Guest House and attended by Inspector General of Police (IGP) - Southern Range Praveen Madhukar Pawar, Superintendent of Police (SP) C.B. Ryshyanth, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. Amarnath and others, the District Minister instructed them to stop every vehicle at Kerala border check-post and subject everyone to RT-PCR test at the local Primary Health Centre (PHC). Check all vehicles transporting goods at borders as there were possibilities of the second wave of COVID-19, the Minister added.

The Minister further instructed the officials to deploy Health Department staff at Kerala borders and take the help of Police to check all passengers arriving in buses, goods vehicles and trucks entering the State.

In case of any symptoms, keep such persons in isolation and keep vigil on them, he said and asked the officials to collect details of those travelling to Kerala in flights and buses and check for RT-PCR negative reports upon their arrival.

Obituary

C. Kemparaju

Mysuru, Feb. 23- C. Kemparaju

(63), former MUDA Member and Congress leader, passed away at his residence in Kalyangiri here yesterday following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife Savithri, son Santosh, daughter Archana, daughter-in-law Akshatha, son-in-law Shreyas and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Adijambava Burial Grounds in Gandhinagar.

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Post Code	Name of the Post	No. of Post	Age (Upper Age Limit)	Consolidated Salary
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Hoof Care

The saga behind bare hands

HORSESHOE-IN-THE-MAKING: ***Fairoz Khan*** *(in full-sleeve shirt)* ***at the workplace along with his helpers.***

By Rajkumar Bhavasar

A few members of the once famed horseshoe maker generation work in cramped spaces on Pulikeshi Road in Tilaknagar, Mysuru. Like the many old structures dotting the area's landscape that stand amidst high-rises, refusing to change with time's swift change, these professionals have the unyielding spirit of holding on to the past.

These horseshoe makers — farriers — are carrying on the legacy till their bodies can take the immense physical endurance demanded by the profession. They harbour no illusions and every time their hammers strike the metal, they know their profession has not many takers.

The invention of horseshoes revolutionised ancient means of trade, transportation and warfare. It was necessitated as horses were being exposed to harsh conditions on a daily basis that resulted in breakage, wearing off or damage to their hooves. By providing sufficient protection from sharp objects in the ground and the constant stress of travelling hundreds of miles every day, horses became more useable for longer periods of time.

PLAYING WITH FIRE

Moreover, the horses that are equipped with protective foot gear ran faster compared to other horses. However, the work of these farriers is delicate and requires a hard-earned skill. They play with fire and embers to produce that perfect horseshoe to fit the hooves.

Any wrong design or a wrong hole in the horseshoe makes the animal bleed and would lead to a lot of suffering, even death. Although hooves are strong, even stronger than bones, they sometimes developed cracks because of horseshoes. Damage to hooves must be avoided. Hooves have dead tissues and cannot heal themselves. Any crack that reaches the living tissue inside the hoof becomes a spot for infection that takes the life of the animal.

BEATING RED-HOT IRON

Farriers on Pulikeshi Road get the iron from scrap yards, heat them, and beat the hot iron to the desired shape. The efforts of three persons are required to make a U-shaped horseshoe. While one person stokes fire to soften the iron, the other person takes a huge hammer and beats the red-hot iron into desired shape.

Excessive heat is involved in the process and these men do not wear any protective gear. After the metal is beaten to shape, holes are drilled into horseshoe to nail them to the hooves. And this is taken care of by another person.

MEAGRE PROFITS

While U-shaped metal forms the horseshoe for horses, crescent moon shaped shoe is fixed for cows and oxen. These metal pieces wear out quickly and they must be replaced once in two months. Over 20 farriers on Pulikeshi Road work from an old building. There are seven pits where the fire is stoked and horseshoes weighing over 30 kgs are prepared every day in each pit and the income is shared among the three persons.

They do not take a single day off and work tirelessly from 6 am to 3 pm. The horseshoes prepared here is primarily supplied to Nanjangud, Mandya, Handpost, H.D. Kote and surrounding areas. The finished horseshoes are taken in a bag and marketed at designated areas.

DEARTH OF SKILLED WORKERS

"Each kilogram of horseshoes is sold at Rs. 150. There is huge demand but we cannot fulfil that as we are facing dearth of skilled workers. Raw materials like iron and coal eat away most of the income and each box of coal costs Rs. 80 and 1 kg of iron costs Rs. 35. Profit is less and we pay a house rent of Rs. 5,000 and we have to maintain the family with the rest of money," says **Fairoz Khan** of Aziz Sait Nagar who works as a farrier.

"My grandfather and father were doing this work and I learnt from them. I have not studied beyond second standard and I have been doing this work since 22 years," he says. In summer, the sun's heat and the heat generated while making the horseshoe result in boils and even sparks fly to burn their skin. "We don't know any other work and if we stop this work, our families will go hungry. There is no alternative," he says.

STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT: ***Mohammed Ghouse*** *(standing)* ***and his assistant moulding a shoe.***

NO ONE-SIZE-FITS ALL RULE

In this skilled work, there is no one-size-fits all rule as hooves are different. Machines cannot produce these horseshoes as there are animals of different age groups. "In the Mysore Race Course, the requirement is for bigger horseshoes which they get from Bengaluru. I have been doing this work since 35 years and I used to work with my father. Even I studied till second standard and I also worked in a scrapyard but returned to this profession," says 50-year-old **Ammanulla Khan.**

These farriers also sell crowbars, files, chisels, pliers and tongs. The 88-year-old **Abdul Rasheed** has been doing this since 50 years. "Earlier, our life was very busy as horse owners, tongawallas and owners of oxen used to line up before our shops for horseshoes. Now, horses have been limited to races and even tongas and bullock carts have been replaced by automobiles," Rasheed rues.

AGE IS JUST A NUMBER: ***88-year-old Abdul Rasheed*** *(squatting)* ***and his assistant engrossed in making a tong.***

[Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Grant Rs. 5 crore for Kodava Hockey Festival: MP to CM

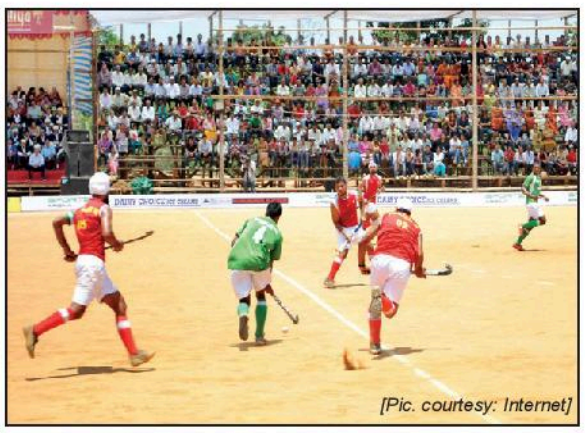
Mysuru, Feb. 23 (PM&BCT)- Following various Kodava Samajas and Kodava families submitting memorandums to MLAs and MLCs from the district to urge the State Government to earmark Rs. 5 crore in the State Budget for the annual Kodava Family Hockey Festival, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has reiterated the demand and has written to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa urging him to allocate at least Rs. 5 crore in the ensuing budget.

Pratap Simha

The Kodava Hockey Festival is projected as a promotion of Kodava culture and tradition. The Government should earmark Rs. 5 crore in the budget, he urged. The rich hockey culture ingrained in Kodagu has culminated into producing an arsenal of players who have time and again represented India at global hockey tournaments and many of them had been a part of the Olympics, the MP noted.

In Kodagu, the sport runs in the veins of Kodavas and that is why they give a befitting tribute by organising the Kodava Hockey Festival every year. The Festival has been a true revelry of the sport that has been an expression of passion. It is a celebration of the Kodava families who come together, irrespective of their age, gender and profession to simply devote time to their core value of sportsmanship, he said.

The Kodava family hockey had even entered the world records and has been contributing to the sports arena of the country. More than 500 hockey players from



[Pic. courtesy: Internet]

this tiny district have played in the State, National and International tournaments and the festival is a platform for youngsters to display their talent and rise to State, National and International levels, the MP said.

More than 6,000 players take part during each Kodava family hockey tournament and Kodava families spend crores of rupees to host the month-long tournament. To promote the Kodava culture and tradition, the Government should earmark Rs. 5 crore for the tournament in the budget every year, he stated.

The festival was the brainchild of late Pandanda Kuttappa who started the tournament with just 60 teams. Now, more than 350 teams of different families participate in the tournament. This festival is recognised as one of the largest field hockey tournaments in the world that has entered the Limca Book of Records, Pratap Simha noted.

Each year, the tournament is organised by a different Kodava family (okka) and the name of the family is given as the name of the tournament. The opening and closing ceremonies are held with pomp and splendour. Many locals set up food and merchandise stalls around the venue to do brisk business because of the large crowds that gather to watch the matches, he said.

Kodava Samajas submit memorandum to CM

Several Kodava Samajas under the leadership of Bengaluru Kodava Samaja submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa to allocate Rs. 5 crore for Kodava Family Hockey Festival. The delegation was led by Kodagu District BJP Executive Member Thelappanda Shivakumar Nanaiah and Bengaluru Kodava Samaja President Mukkatira T. Nanaiah. The delegation also urged the CM to establish a Sports University in Kodagu.

35 vehicles participate in 'Rotahunt-21'

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (OSR)- Rotary Mysore Midtown and Rotary North conducted a Treasure Hunt — 'Rotahunt-21' — at Ursu Boarding School Grounds in city recently.

The annual event was inaugurated by Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Sandesh Kumar. Ace international rallyist Lohitt Urs and his team were the organisers of the event. Rtn. Rithesh Baliga, District Secretary-Events, Actor Jagadeesh Kumar and Lohitt Urs were the guests of honour.

ACP Sandesh was all praise for the event as it is a stress-buster after the COVID-19 pandemic. Over 30 to 35 cars and bikes participated in this fun-filled event. Families and friends as a group were involved as teams.

Rtn. Ravindra Bhat, DGE, District 3181 distributed prizes. Rohit Ramdev, AG, Zone 7, District 3181, was special invitee. First prize in four-wheeler category was bagged by Rathi Kishore and team who also won the all-ladies team award (Rathi Kishore - Driver, Shakuntala - Co-Driver, Malini and Rukmini-Crew). The second prize went to Sumukha and team and the third prize was bagged by Rtn. Kishore Biddappa and team. Two consolation prizes were awarded to fourth and fifth places in memory of Madhukar Bhagawan, who was a two-wheeler rallyist. Special prizes were awarded to all-ladies team, best-dressed team and best family team, according to Rtn. A.N. Aiyanna, President, Rotary Mysore Midtown.

A group photo of 'Rotahunt-21' prize winners with the guests and organisers.

Mysuru Chapter of Laghu Udyog Bharati inaugurated

Mysuru region poised for drastic industrial change, says MP Pratap Simha

MP Pratap Simha seen addressing the gathering during the inauguration of Mysuru Chapter of Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB) at a private hotel in city on Sunday. Others seen are (from left) *CFTRI Director Dr. Sridevi A. Singh, IIT Kharagpur alumnus Sukumar Rangachari, LUB State President Srikantadatta, Skanray Technologies MD Vishwaprasad Alva, former MLC Ganesh Karnik, Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology - Thanjavoor Director Dr. Anand Ramakrishnan and LUB State General Secretary Bhojraj.* Picture right: ***A section of audience.***

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (PM&BCT)- The Mysuru Chapter (Mysuru Vibhag) of Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB), a registered national-level organisation for Micro and Small Industries, was inaugurated and its office-bearers were installed at an event at a private hotel in city on Sunday.

The LUB will work towards implementing various schemes of the Central Government for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Many industries in the district will fall under the micro enterprises category, following the change in definition of MSMEs. LUB will work with these industries towards their upliftment.

The LUB represents Micro and Small Industries or MSIs, working in 465 districts across the country. It is the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)-affiliated Union of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).The Mysuru Unit comprises districts of Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu.

Inaugurating the Mysuru Chapter, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha said that the industrial scene of Mysuru is poised for a drastic change with Multi-Modal Logistics Park (Inland Container Yard) being constructed at Kadakola by Container Corporation of India.

"When I took over as MP, the Mysore Airport at Mandakalli was an abandoned land and now every day seven flights take off and land there. Connectivity was a big issue though Mysuru was a seat of learning and there were no jobs. The Airport, doFuble-tracking of Mysuru-Bengaluru Railway track, 10-lane Expressway between Mysuru and Bengaluru and, Inland Container Yard and plans of satellite terminal at Naganahalli will boost the job sector," he said.

In addition to the existing National Highway-275 from Bengaluru to Bantwal, another new aligned 4-lane Highway project between Mysuru and Kushalnagar in Kodagu has been cleared and the works will begin in the next couple of months, Pratap Simha said and claimed that the Narendra Modi Government has sanctioned more than Rs. 16,000 crore for various projects that directly benefits Mysuru.

"Even the 43-km Outer Ring Road of Mysuru has been classified as National Highway and Rs. 161 crore has recently been released by the Centre. Before 1998, there was no concept of a Highway in India and there were only considerably broad roads. It was Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government that launched and implemented the Golden Quadrilateral Highway Project — connecting the four major metro cities of India, Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai — and this is the biggest Highway project India has ever seen," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, former MLC and BJP leader Ganesh Karnik said that every project launched, propagated and implemented by PM Narendra Modi was filled with the idea of 'Aatmanirbharta' and the ideas are practically realised after the projects are implemented. "There is not just an idea of 'Aatmanirbharta' but extensive research has gone into the concept that makes India self-reliant instead of depending on other nations," he opined.

On the occasion, the following were announced as office-bearers of Mysuru Vibhag of Laghu Udyog Bharati: Mahesh Shenoy - President, B.S. Prashanth - Vice-President, Rajappa - Secretary, Deepak, M. Aiyappa and Neela Ramakrishna - Executive Committee Members.

Managing Director of Skanray Technologies Vishwaprasad Alva, CSIR - Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) Director Dr. Sridevi A. Singh, alumnus of IIT Kharagpur Sukumar Rangachari, Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology - Thanjavoor Director Dr. Anand Ramakrishnan, LUB State President Srikantadatta and others were present.

Own buildings for Kannada Sahitya Parishat in all 11 Assembly segments

Mysuru, Feb.23 (SSV)-Reiterating his Government's commitment for the growth of Kannada, District-In-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar said he will strive to provide own buildings for Kannada Sahitya Parishat in all 11 Assembly Constituencies of Mysuru district.

Speaking after inaugurating District Kannada Sahitya Sammelana in H.D.Kote town this morning, he said a demand has been put forth to provide own buildings for Sahitya Parishat in all 11 Assembly segments and a site for H.D.Kote Taluk Parishat. "I will try my level best to get the Government Order passed in this regard", he added.

Sammelana President Prof. N.S. Taranath has been a well-known litterateur who had voiced for the Classical language status to Kannada. He was also in the committee constituted by the State Government to submit a report to the Union Government that why Kannada language should get the classical language status. Thanks to efforts of one and all, Kannada language got its due recognition, he added.

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat (KSP) President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, H.D.Kote Taluk KSP President Kannada Pramod, H.D. Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu, MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad and others were present.

'Garden at Kabini on the lines of Brindavan Gardens'

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (SSV)- A garden, on the lines of Brindavan Gardens in Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS), will be developed in Kabini Reservoir in H.D. Kote taluk of Mysuru district, at a cost of Rs. 48 crore, said Co-operation and District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar.

Speaking after inaugurating a welcome arch near Kanchamalli village on Mysuru-H.D. Kote border this morning, the Minister said that the project would be announced in the State Budget for the year 2021-22. Many people were familiar with H.D. Kote name but not many know about the importance of tourism. The newly-installed arch would help in introducing the rich natural heritage of the taluk.

The Minister said that a lot of development works were going on in the taluk and recently, permission had been granted to build a bridge and a road. More works would be taken up in the coming days to ensure the overall development of the district. "I am committed to tourism development of district also," he added.

'CFTRI has transferred more than 400 technologies to industries'

Public sector Science and Technology Institutes have been functioning in their own limited fields without being of much help to Small and Medium Scale Industries. They are only focussed on research away from public benefit. These were the words of alumnus of IIT Kharagpur Sukumar Rangachari, who is the mentor at Nadathur S. Raghavan Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning (NSRCEL).

For the record, NSRCEL offers its support to various players of the start-up ecosystem. NSRCEL brings together start-ups, industry mentors, and eminent academicians from its parent institution Indian Institute of Management Bangalore and researchers who thrive on continuous interaction of theory and practice.

Responding to Sukumar Rangachari, CFTRI Director Dr. Sridevi A. Singh said that CFTRI always strived to help Small and Medium Industries. "Your statement may be true to some extent but not entirely true. Our CFTRI for example, despite facing a staff crunch, undertakes many public-connecting programmes and transfers technology to many industries. We have helped more than 400 Small and Medium Industries through food technological transfers," she said.

Sukumar Rangachari felt the need of opening research to public. "Research-focussed activities at Public sector Science and Technology Institutes may restrict them in helping industries. Such industries must have a dedicated unit for this purpose," he said.

WORD OF THE DAY

Underwhelm

Pronunciation: un-der-WELM.
Meaning: To fail to impress or stimulate.
Origin: Overwhelm and its rare synonym whelm have both been around since the Middle Ages, but underwhelm is a 20th-century coinage. Both overwhelm and whelm are derived from the Middle English whelmen, which is perhaps an alteration of whelven ("to turn over" or "to cover up"). Underwhelm is a playful overturning of overwhelm well suited for describing the unimpressive. More than one person claims the distinction of having invented underwhelm; several sources attribute it to the playwright George S. Kaufman, but sports columnist Red Smith is quoted as believing he coined the word himself, and still other sources cite other potential creators. Chances are that the word was in fact coined by more than one inventive writer.
Example: "Nesmith's short stints continue to underwhelm. During one four-minute stretch in the fourth quarter, he missed a 3-pointer by a wide margin and committed three fouls." — Adam Himmelsbach

THE ODD WORD

Ubication

Condition of being in a certain location.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Under the thumb

Meaning: Completely under someone's control.
Origin: Few fields of endeavour have as much false etymology associated with them as falconry. 'A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush' derives from hunting with birds of prey and this has seemingly led to a spate of supposed derivations along the same lines. 'Hoodwinked' is said to derive from putting a cloth cap over the eyes of a falcon to calm the bird by simulating night-time and 'old codger' is said to derive from the carrier of the cadge or cage that held the birds. Neither of these has any basis in fact. We can add to the list 'under the thumb', which was recently presented on the BBC's Alan Titchmarsh Show as originating from the handler's use of his thumb to trap the bird in his hand when he didn't want it to fly. Again, that's pure flight of fancy.
Being 'under one's thumb' is just a figurative expression that alludes to being completely under another's control. The allusion was to a protagonist so powerful and a victim so insignificant that even the former's thumb was strong enough to control them. None of the early references relates to falconry, or to any other specific origin. The phrase was always used to refer to a powerful person, like a king or lord, exercising control over a subject.

QUOTE BOX

In the absence of any other proof, the thumb alone would convince me of God's existence.—**Isaac Newton**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

LONG DEW

Answer: Long overdue.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Second month in short
4 Scarlett's home
8 Infant?
12 ___ ___ mode : in this fashion or style (1,2)
13 Single digit
14 A French duelling sword
15 Complete turn
17 Slender
18 Rely on; have faith in
19 Cause of infection
20 Ex-Aussie cricket captain Chappell
22 Very strange
24 Biblical figure
26 Parties
27 An afternoon meal
30 Occurrences
32 Relieve of weaponry
34 Light-Emitting Diode
35 Kind
37 A low number
38 Register
40 Goddess of rainbows
41 Very, musically
44 Name of eight English kings
46 South African of Dutch descent
47 Less than half
50 Israeli carrier (2,2)
51 Surrounded by
52 New as a prefix
53 Suffix meaning "act of cutting"?
54 Bamboo stalk
55 Oxlike African antelope

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

M	I	N	G	■	A	P	A	■	H	A	R	P
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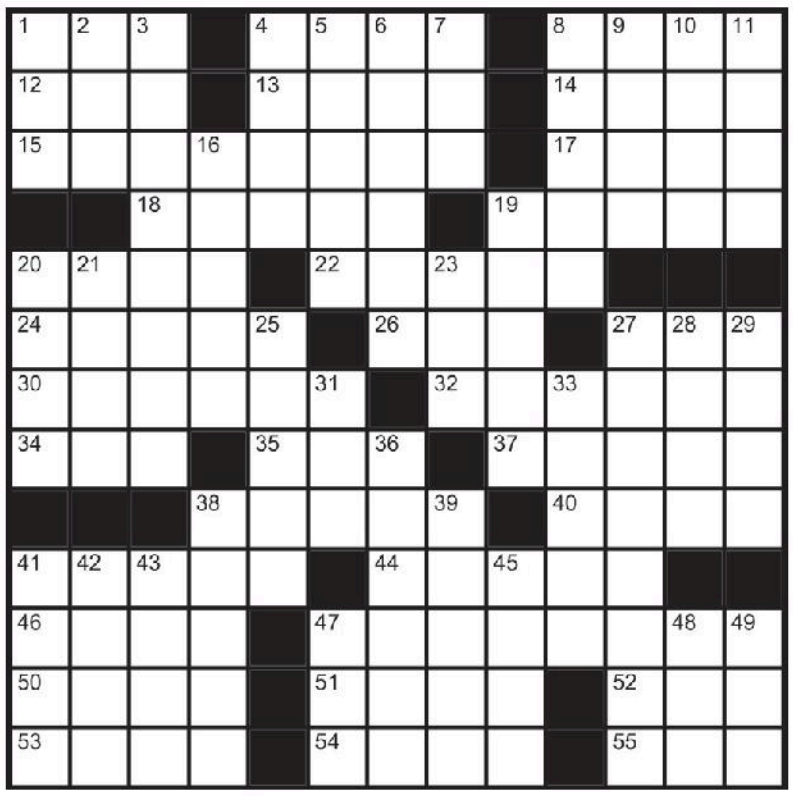
Down

1 At a great distance
2 Grandmaster's rating
3 Smashed or pounded; destroyed
4 Ballerina's skirt
5 Aromatic plant
6 Revolted
7 Aeronautical Telecommunications Network
8 Fail to confirm; show to be untrue
9 Mimic or copier
10 Male admirer
11 What the Japanese spend?
16 Inert gas of helium family
19 Go to see at home or office
20 Scottish Highlander
21 Talk wildly
23 Pole for fishing
25 Former South African pacerman Makhaya ___
27 Lingering, being tardy
28 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba? (3,1)
29 Ex-England wicket keeper Leslie ___
31 Camera type
33 Gather on threads
36 Capital of Nagaland
38 Before time
39 First Soviet premier
41 Help a felon
42 On one's own
43 Line formed by abutting edges
45 Meeting point
47 PC alternative
48 First double digit number
49 Addressee



SUDOKO

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	6	7			5	2	4	
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						5		

Answer to previous puzzle

8	6	1	4	9	7	5	2	3
4	9	2	6	5	3	7	1	8
3	5	7	2	8	1	9	6	4
7	2	3	5	6	4	8	9	1
6	8	9	3	1	2	4	5	7
5	1	4	8	7	9	6	3	2
2	4	8	9	3	6	1	7	5
9	7	5	1	2	8	3	4	6
1	3	6	7	4	5	2	8	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CYX RJZX JU RWDXMCS WQ CYX RJZX JU JCYXMQ; CYX

RJZX JU TJGXM WQ CYX RJZX JU JPMQXRZXQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Love can be sordid only if you work at it.

Rank holders in Gamaka Exam

Srividya

Pratham

Meghana

Mysuru, Feb. 23- The following students of Sujatha Mohan of Meera Sangeetha Kalanikethana, Ramavilas Road, have secured ranks in the State-level Gamaka exam conducted by Gamaka Kala Parishat, Bengaluru, recently: G. Srividya (5th std., Rotary School) - 2nd Rank in Gamaka Prathama; Pratham S. Acharya (7th std., St. Joseph's School) - 2nd Rank in Devaranama Prouda; K.N. Meghana (Dietician, JSS Hospital) - 3rd Rank in Gamaka Parina.

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	(S-2)	8.10 am, 3.40 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	8.05 am, 11.10 am,
		2.15 pm
	(S-4)	8.00 am, 11.00 am
		4.40 pm, 9.55 pm
Tom And Jerry (E)	(S-1)	11.15 am, 4.35 pm
	(S-4)	7.45 pm
Naandhi (Te)	(S-2)	11.15 am
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-3)	6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Chakra (Ta)	(S-4)	2.00 pm

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		5.15 pm, 9.00 pm
	(S-3)	2 pm, 5.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-3)	10.15 am; (S-4) 3.30 pm
Tom and Jerry (E)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1 pm, 7.10 pm
Chakra (Ta)	(S-4)	9.40 pm

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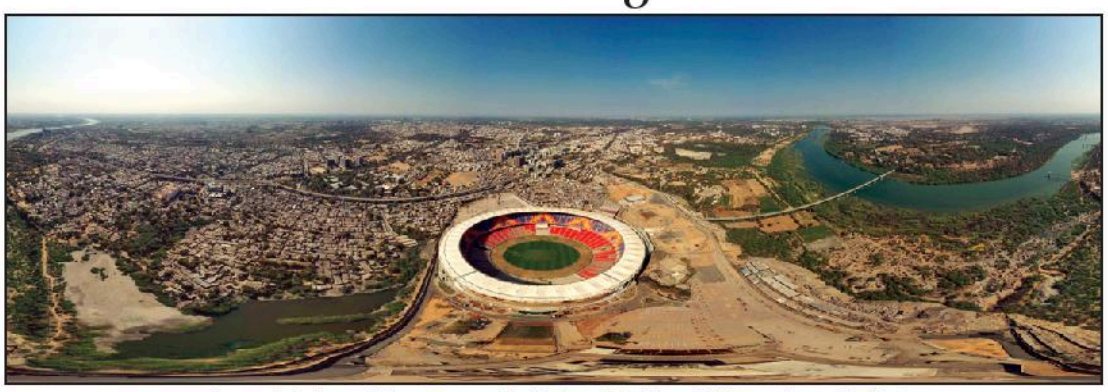
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 4 pm, 7.15 pm
Pogaru (K)	(S-2)	11.40 am, 2.50 pm,
		6.00 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-3)	4.30 pm, 7.45 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.45 pm
Chakra (Ta)	(S-4)	6.30 pm, 9.00 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

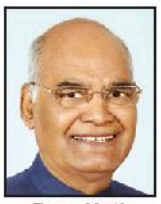
President to formally inaugurate Motera Stadium tomorrow

The world's largest cricket stadium all set to host India Vs England Test



An aerial view of the mammoth Motera Stadium. [Pic. courtesy: Twitter]

Ahmedabad, Feb. 23- Motera Stadium in Ahmedabad will be formally inaugurated tomorrow (Feb. 24) by President Ram Nath Kovind in the special presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, to host the third Test between India and England.



Ram Nath Kovind

The Motera Stadium claims to be the largest cricket stadium in the world. It was constructed in 1982, and initially had a seating capacity of housing 49,000 cricket fans. However, the seating capacity has now been boosted to over 1,10,000 following reconstruction of the stadium which started in October 2015, going on to end in February 2020.

Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in Australia, now has the second-highest seating capacity of 1,00,024. The iconic Eden Gardens has the third highest spectator capacity of 66,349.

Motera Stadium will host final two Test matches of the ongoing four-match series between India and England. The Test series is currently drawn level at 1-1.

There have been two Test matches played between India and England at Motera Stadium so far. While the first Test between the two sides played in 2001 ended as a draw, India emerged victorious in the second game which took place in 2012.

The upcoming Test between India and England will be a day-night Test, only the second one to be held in India after the pink-ball Test against Bangladesh at the Eden Gardens in 2019.

'Namaste Trump'

It may be recalled that Motera Stadium hosted then American President Donald Trump and his family along with Indian PM Narendra Modi for the event titled 'Namaste Trump' in February 2020. It was a response to 'Howdy Modi' event held in Houston in September 2019.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 23)

- **Desiranga Samskrutika Samsthe, Mysuru:** Valedictory of Theatre Camp, journalist Amshi Prasannakumar delivers valedictory address, theatre director Prof. H.S. Umesh presides, theatre director Gangadharaswamy and camp director Krishna Janamana guests, feature 'Keregehaara' based on folk story, kamsale, dollu kunita and kolata performances by camp participants, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **6 pm.**
- **J.P. Nagara Sharana Vedike:** Lecture Series on Akkamahadevi, cultural thinker and retd. Professor P.S. Sadashivamurthy talks on 'Akkamahadeviyavara Vachanagalalli Jeevana Darshana,' Vedike President S. Puttarajappa presides, Corporators R. Shanthamma Vadivelu and M. Sharadamma Eshwar chief guests, Akkamahadevi Pratima Mandira, Akkamahadevi Road, J.P. Nagar, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 24)

- **University of Mysore (UoM):** Orientation and Induction Programme, Dr. K.P. Puthuraya, former Director (R&D), Rajiv Gandhi Health University, Deputy Director, Medical & Education Department, Karnataka and Professor Emeritus, writer, orator and thinker, addresses students, B. Manjunath, Special Officer, Department of Collegiate Education and Educator, Sadhana Academy, Shikaripura, guest of honour, Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, UoM, presides, Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar auditorium, UoM, Manasagangothri, **10 am.**
- **Rangavalli:** Staging of play 'Parshwa Sangeetha,' Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

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